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Cloudy and mild this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday, with temperatures in the 60s and 70s. Low clouds tonight in upper 50s. Possible showers. (Full report on Page A-2.)

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Egyptian Troops Reported Sent Into Palestine

Invasion Denied by Cairo; Arab Plan for Attack Now Charged

By the Associated Press
JERUSALEM, April 27.—A competent Arab source said today troops of an Egyptian armored division crossed Palestine's southern frontier at dawn, but Egyptian government sources in Cairo denied it.

A flood of rumors of impending Arab invasion developed in Jerusalem, where chattering machine guns rained renewed Arab-Jewish fighting. One of these reports—was from a Jewish Agency spokesman—that Trans-Jordan's Parliament has decided to send troops into Palestine immediately.

The report came on the heels of a Damascus report that Trans-Jordan's Arab Legion had occupied the town of Jericho and was moving into the Dead Valley of Palestine.

Forces Loaned to British.

This was discounted here since legion security forces are on loan to the British under both the old and new British-Trans-Jordan treaties.

Reports that Haifa is being shelled from Acre across the bay, were unconfirmed.

An official British Army spokesman in Jerusalem said one company of the Arab Legion "under British Army orders" had entered Jericho on specific duties.

"When their duties are finished," he said, "they will be withdrawn." A Palestine government spokesman said that "any Trans-Jordan troops now in Palestine are under command of the British general officer commanding and their conduct is not in question. We have not heard of any declaration of war and consider any such declaration as extremely unlikely."

Armies Ready to March.
Armies of the four Arab nations which encircle Palestine are reported to be ready to invade the Holy Land before the week ends.

The reports said the forces of Trans-Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt will launch the thrust in defiance of the British mandate, not scheduled to end until May 15, and of the United Nations Security Council, which has ordered a ceasefire in Palestine.

In London, the Foreign Office announced that Britain will resist any Arab "incursions" into Palestine before the British mandate ends.

(The spokesman said the Foreign Office has received no official reports that Arab troops actually have been moved into Palestine.)

Later at a news conference the Foreign Office spokesman said a copy of the note sent by Abdullah to Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, British high commissioner in Palestine, had been received. The spokesman refused to disclose its contents.

Two Britons Killed.
Two Britons were killed in Jerusalem today, as tension increased over the threatened invasion. Machine guns chattered in Jerusalem all morning after a night-long Arab-Jewish skirmish in the Katia.

(See PALESTINE, Page A-6.)

New Courthouse Bill Approved by House

BULLETIN

The House this afternoon passed the Dondero bill authorizing construction of a new \$18,665,000 Federal courthouse here. It was a voice vote.

The Senate Public Works Committee today approved bills for construction of the new Federal courthouse and the new General Accounting Office building here.

Senator Cain, Republican, of Washington announced that the Senate bills will be reported to the calendar tomorrow.

The courthouse measure, which comes up in the House today, authorizes construction of the courthouse on Constitution avenue between Third and John Marshall place N.W. at a cost of not more than \$18,665,000.

One amendment to make the Senate measure conform to the House bill was elimination of a clause which would have permitted the Federal Works Agency to let a contract over or under the \$18,665,000 figure, depending on the construction market costs at the time.

The bill for the General Accounting Office Building was approved by the House last July.

Airport Lighting Price Cut

CLEVELAND, April 27 (AP)—Westinghouse Electric Corp. today announced price cuts of from 5 to 10 per cent in all airport lighting equipment. W. P. White, manager of Westinghouse Lighting Division here, said the reduction would affect about 90 different items.

Bulletin

Senate May Join Probe

Chairman Tobey of the Senate Banking Committee said today his group may be asked to investigate the collapse of a Kaiser-Frazer common stock issue. Senator Tobey asked the Securities and Exchange Commission for a "full explanation" of its own actions in the case.

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Jews Demand Firm U. N. Action To Halt Attack on Holy Land

Preparations Being Made for Self-Defense, Shertok Tells Special Assembly Committee

LAKE SUCCESS, April 27.—The Jewish Agency today demanded firm action by the United Nations to halt an invasion of Palestine by regular armies of Trans-Jordan and other Arab countries.

The agency also warned the U. N. that the Jews of Palestine themselves were "making every possible preparation to meet the next phase of the onslaught with our own forces."

The Jewish position was set forth by Moshe Shertok, head of the Jewish Agency's political department. He spoke before the 58-nation Political Committee of the U. N. Special Palestine Assembly.

The U. N. Trusteeship Council met simultaneously in an effort to work out emergency police machinery to guard the holy places of Jerusalem against destruction. Russia ended her year-long boycott of the Council to take part in the discussions.

After Francis B. Sayre of the United States, Council president, welcomed Soviet Delegate Semyon

K. Tsarapkin to the table, a man arose in the audience and demanded the floor.

He was hustled out by two uniformed U. N. guards, crying: "Shame, shame."

In the Political Committee Mr. Shertok said:

"If Trans-Jordan brings war to Palestine the British government will be responsible, and if the whole issue is not placed on the agenda of this committee and of the Security Council, then it cannot be said that the United Nations is dealing with the realities of the Palestine crisis."

"I ought to make it clear, Mr. Chairman, that while we believe that this threatened invasion of Palestine by the regular armies of the Arab states around us calls for very firm action by the United Nations, we ourselves are making every possible preparation to meet the next phase of the onslaught with our own forces."

"Our strength may be limited but there is nothing that people conscious of its past and cherishing its future will not do in defense of its life and liberty."

U. S., Britain Tighten Trieste Precautions

After Border Clash

Italians and Yugoslavs Skirmish in Small Area Seized by Tito Forces

By the Associated Press

ROME, April 27.—An Italian soldier and a Yugoslav officer were killed last night in a border patrol fight near Trieste. Amid rising tension, British and American authorities tightened precautions today against any Communist infiltration of their zone of the free territory for May Day demonstrations.

The Italian Defense Ministry said the clash occurred in a narrow strip of territory which Yugoslav forces had seized "in one of their many sallies" out of their lines.

Three other Italian soldiers were wounded in the brief skirmish, one critically. The clash occurred near the village of Rauna di Luico in Venezia Giulia, just northwest of the free territory.

The Defense Ministry said the Yugoslavs have refused to return the body of the dead Italian soldier. Its communiqué said the Yugoslav commander had refused to leave his headquarters to talk to an Italian general who went to the scene. It added that an Italo-Yugoslav military commission already has begun to investigate the incident.

Yugoslavs Seize Strip.
The ministry said the clash occurred in short strip of territory 200 yards deep, west of the line laid out by an Allied commission. It said the Yugoslavs arbitrarily took over this strip, just west of Drenchia and north of Matres Pass.

An Italian patrol was fired on without warning by "some Yugoslav elements" posted in a wood in a dominant position," the communiqué said. "The patrol returned the fire and there is reason to believe that one Yugoslav was killed," it said.

A high Allied military government official in Trieste said extraordinary measures closing 10 block posts and restricting travel throughout the May 1 week end. He described the measures to the "exceptional public safety situation created as a result of the Italian election the night of April 1, 1948, in Trieste in the international political field."

British and American personnel will be kept in quarters over the week end. Their dependents have been cautioned to avoid crowds and trouble spots. AMG previously had announced no one would be allowed to cross the border for May Day celebrations. However, it has authorized separate meetings for

(See ITALY, Page A-4.)

Burmese Ex-Premier Loses Death Appeal

By the Associated Press

RANGOON, April 27.—A three-man supreme court panel today dismissed ex-Premier U Saw's petition for leave to appeal the death sentence imposed on him.

U Saw was convicted by a special court of participation in the murders last July of several Burmese Ministers, including U Aung San.

Ceilings to Go Up In Philadelphia For Conventions

By the Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA, April 27.—Ceilings on rooms for delegates to the Republican and Democratic National conventions will be lifted during the sessions, according to Joseph T. Turchi, Federal area rent director.

Speaking at a meeting of the Apartment Owners and Managers' Association last night, Mr. Turchi explained that the new rent law, which became effective April 1, differed from the 1947 act in that a clause permits the raising of rent ceilings in some cases to the average rate charged for similar accommodations in the same neighborhood.

The law also authorizes State Governors to appoint five-member boards empowered to increase rents generally, decontrol the area or recommend specific changes in the ceilings on separate properties, Mr. Turchi said.

Assignment of Two Teachers To Receiving Home Planned

By George Beveridge

School officials said today they will try to locate two teachers who could begin to set up an educational program as soon as possible at the District Receiving Home for Children.

The action was decided after a staff member of the Senate Appropriations Committee asked School Supt. Hobart M. Corning to "get a teacher right away" for the institution.

Miss Margaret Pepper, Dr. Corning's assistant, said the superintendent understood the staff member, Kimball Sanborn, intended for the teachers to be paid with District Welfare Department funds if they were able to locate them.

She said the school board is powerless to pay teachers for the purpose with school funds because of a corporation counsel's ruling against the proposal.

Plans to Draft 190,000, Train 161,000 Drawn

Senate Committee And Military Leaders Discuss Program

By Robert K. Walsh

The Senate Armed Services Committee announced today it has hit on "a real practical program" to draft 190,000 men annually for two years' Army service and select another 161,000 of 18-year-old youths for one year's training in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The plan was discussed at a closed session with Secretary of Defense Forrestal, Secretary of the Army Royal, Gen. Bradley, Army Chief of Staff, and other military leaders.

Committee Chairman Gurney said the plan was not formally acted on by the committee but that it received a "very favorable" endorsement as a "very practical compromise" to assure a supply of trained reserves and to build up the regular forces without adding further to present requests for the preparedness program.

Although the revised proposal differs greatly from the original plan for universal military training of approximately 850,000 youths of 18 annually, Senator Gurney denied that it meant that the basic principle of UMT had been abandoned.

"This doesn't mean that the long-range program to obtain a trained reserve has been junked," he declared. "This is military training, but it is not universal."

Committee staff employees will work with representatives of Secretary Forrestal's office and Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey in preparing a tentative bill to be presented to the committee within a few days.

Gen. Hershey, director of the Office of Selective Service Records, also attended today's committee meeting.

In Reserves Four Years.
As outlined by Senator Gurney, the revised bill will contain the following points:

A total of 161,000 youths 18 to 19½ years old would be brought into the regular services annually for one year's training with those regular units. The Army would receive 110,000; the Navy, 30,000; the Marine Corps, 6,000, and the Air Force, 15,000.

This 161,000 would come from an estimated available pool of 600,000 youths a year.

After serving one year, these trainees would be required to join a Class A reserve unit such as the National Guard for four years.

A total of 190,000 men from 19½ through 25 would be drafted annually for two years' service. All of these would go into the Army under present plans because of the Army's need for more men to meet their manpower needs by voluntary enlistments.

On completion of the two years' service, the inductees would not be required to serve in Class A Reserve units. They would go into the Unorganized Reserve for three years.

No Major Distinction.
There would be no major distinction between inductees and trainees so far as actual military service in the country is concerned. Both would be brought into the service through local draft boards.

The main difference would be that the trainees would not be sent outside the continental United States.

Senator Gurney conceded that this might create complications if a regular unit were to be sent overseas suddenly as its contingents of members in the 18-19½ age bracket had to remain behind.

The proposed compromise, Senator Gurney explained, would not change the overall strength of the regular forces as recommended by Secretary Forrestal last week in his recommendation for a 66-group Air Force. The manpower total requested by Secretary Forrestal was 1,795,000.

Moreover, the new plan would not require any funds in addition to those already appropriated.

(See DEFENSE, Page A-6.)

Truman Names F. J. Lawton, D. C. Native, as Assistant

President Truman today appointed Frederick J. Lawton, now executive assistant to the budget director, as an administrative assistant to the President.

Mr. Lawton, 48, a native of Washington, is a Government career man of nearly 30 years' service. He is assuming his new duties immediately.

The appointment will give Mr. Truman four of the six administrative assistants provided by law. Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the appointment was due directly to the need for more help.

Mr. Lawton entered the Treasury service in 1920 and went to the Budget Bureau in 1935. He has been one of the top men of the bureau for many years and in 1947 was acting assistant director.

Truman Will Speak May 20 At Girard's Centennial

President Truman will go by train to Philadelphia May 20 to take part in the centennial exercises of Girard College, the White House announced today.

The President will make a 15-minute speech and inspect the student body of about 1,300 at dress parade.

Girard College was founded by Stephen Girard, the philanthropist, to provide primary education for fatherless boys born in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sanborn told a reporter that welfare funds will have to take care of the program throughout the next fiscal year. "But I called Dr. Corning this morning and told him to get a teacher out there right away who could get a program started until that time (July 1)," he declared.

Miss Pepper said Dr. Corning had suggested two teachers would be needed.

Mr. Sanborn said his interest in the need for an education program at the home was aroused by a story in The Star, which pointed out that dependent children are staying at the home for increased periods with almost no facilities for educational training.

The official said he visited the home Sunday and found conditions "pretty bad." He has arranged, he said, to take a group of Boston Red Sox to the home.

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Knudsen, Auto Industry Genius Daylight Time to Start And Defense Co-ordinator, Dies At 2 A.M. Sunday if

Former President Of General Motors Ill for Long Time

By the Associated Press
DETROIT, April 27.—William S. Knudsen, World War II co-ordinator of America's industrial might, died today after a long illness.

Death from a cerebral hemorrhage came to the 69-year-old former president of General Motors Corp. at 4:58 a.m.

The white-haired Danish immigrant was known by fellow industrialists as "the greatest production genius of modern times."

He gave up the presidency of General Motors, the country's largest producer of automobiles, in September, 1940, to head the mammoth rearmament program initiated by the late President Roosevelt.

Shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Mr. Knudsen was commissioned a lieutenant general, the only civilian ever to move directly to that high military rank. He frequently admitted his embarrassment, remarking, "I'm not a military man. My business is to make things."

Although he had been seriously ill for 16 months, death did not seem imminent until shortly after 10 p.m. Sunday.

(See KNUDSEN, Page A-4.)

Clemmer Selected As Final Member of D. C. Loyalty Board

Will Represent Mason; Commissioners Approve Six Other Nominees

Donald M. Clemmer, director of the Department of Corrections, today was appointed to serve as Commissioner Guy Mason's representative on the seven-member committee to determine the scope of a proposed loyalty check of District government employees.

His nomination came as the Commissioners confirmed the six nominees reported earlier, and completed the roster of the committee, headed by the Special Assistant Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Maher, the District's trouble-shooter.

Another member of the committee Charles Stofberg said the Loyalty Committee probably would hold its first meeting this week.

Mr. Stofberg is a special assistant to the Commissioners.

No Action Taken on Corning.
The Commissioners took no action on a proposal by the Board of Education that Superintendent of Schools Hobart M. Corning be appointed to the Loyalty Committee.

The board's letter to the Commissioners, signed by Miss Elise Watkins, board secretary, was referred to Mr. Maher.

The Commissioners' failure to place a representative of the schools on the committee came as some thinking of a surprise inasmuch as Commissioner John Russell Young last week had declared he was in favor of the proposal that Dr. Corning serve on the loyalty panel.

Mr. Stofberg said one of the committee's first acts would be to take up the Board of Education's proposal that Dr. Corning participate in committee deliberations. He declared that while the committee could not appoint Dr. Corning, it could recommend his nomination to the Commissioners.

Mr. Clemmer's appointment was announced after today's weekly meeting of the Board of Commissioners attended by Commissioner John Russell Young and Engineer Commissioner Gordon R. Young. Commissioner Mason is out of the city on vacation and is not expected to return to his desk until Thursday.

Other Committee Members.
Other members of the committee, which is assigned to investigate, study and consider all phases of the proposed loyalty program for city workers are Victor A. Howard of the Personnel Board, Lt. Col. Kenneth E. Madson of the Engineer Commissioner's office, Inspector Floyd A. Truscott, assistant superintendent of police, and Geoffrey M. Thornett, secretary to the Board of Commissioners representing the executive department.

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Social Security And Job Service Shakeup Asked

House Group Cuts \$20,673,000 From FSA Appropriation

By the Associated Press

A shakeup in the Social Security Administration and the United States Employment Service was recommended today by the House Appropriations Committee.

Slashing \$20,673,000 off next year's funds for the Federal Security Agency, the committee approved a \$969,050,000 money bill to finance operations starting July 1.

The committee also added a provision barring use of the funds to Government workers belonging to a union whose officers have not signed the non-Communist oath required by the Taft-Hartley law.

This is the first time the fund-withholding provision has been used to back up this section of the labor law. In a previous effort to attach an anti-racial discrimination provision to a money bill, the committee was overridden by the House.

Specific Health Funds.
The Social Security Administration, which came in for the major fund trimming, is but one of the agencies under the overall direction of the Federal Security Agency. The \$969,050,000 recommended by the committee also would provide for operations of such other units as the Public Health Service and the Food and Drug Administration. The bill includes these specific health and social welfare appropriations:

1. \$1,000,000 for the Public Health

UPWA Put on Spot By Fund Tieup With Non-Communist Oath

The House Appropriations Committee today put the CIO United Public Workers of America squarely on the spot when it barred use of Government funds to pay Federal workers belonging to unions whose officials refuse to sign non-Communist affidavits.

As predicted in The Star's Federal Spotlight Column last Thursday, the committee's amendment calls for the firing of all employees who belong to unions that do not comply with this provision.

All Federal employees' unions, with the exception of UPWA, are expected to quickly sign the affidavits. UPWA has not indicated what it will do, although Abram Flaxer, its president, and several of its officers, recently refused to tell a House Committee whether they were Communists.

Service to train dentists and dental technicians in the new procedure for using sodium fluoride to check tooth decay.

2. \$2,350,000 for research grants and scholarships to promote study of diseases.

3. \$700,000 for an immediate survey of what the committee called "rather serious" health and sanitation conditions in Alaska.

Co-ordinating Jobs Deleted.
The bill, written by a subcommittee headed by Representative Keefe, Republican, of Wisconsin, recommended a "far-reaching overhaul" of the Social Security Administration. It pruned the administrative superstructure by:

1. Denying \$50,836 asked for 11 jobs in the co-ordinating and procedure division, saying "there is absolutely no need for this intervening layer."

Cutting the request for the agency's publications and information service from \$109,997 to \$30,000. In addition the committee ordered all regional social security offices shifted to the Federal Security Agency. It recommended a raise in the FSA salary from \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year.

The committee also said the United States Employment Service should be transferred at once to the FSA. Under present law this transfer would take place automatically six months after the official end of the war.

Further, the committee said the FSA should set up a bureau of employment security. This would be outside the Social Security Administration and combine the work of the USSS and the present Unemployment Compensation Division.

For this new bureau the committee recommended an appropriation of \$123,000,000. The Budget Bureau had asked \$145,000,000 for the two job agencies separately.

Committee Backs Woods, 11-0, for Housing Post

By the Associated Press

The Senate Banking Committee today voted 11 to 0 for confirming Tighe Woods as housing expediter and rent control chief.

The nomination, which now goes to the Senate, first was submitted by President Truman last December 15. The committee took no action on it during the 1947 special session and Mr. Truman resubmitted it January 9.

The committee put off a vote until the rent control extension bill was on the statute books. Committee members said they wanted to make sure Mr. Woods interpreted the law as Congress intended.

U. S. Ships Leave Dublin

DUBLIN, Eire, April 27. (AP)—An American naval force which has been on a goodwill visit here since last Thursday, left today for Bergen, Norway. The cruiser Fresno and the destroyers William R. Rush and Johnston rendezvoused with the carrier Valley Forge for the Bergen visit.

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Loan Office Bandit Gets \$700, Eludes Chase in Silver Spring

A bandit held up the cashier of Lenders, Inc., 7904 Georgia avenue, Silver Spring, and escaped with approximately \$700 this afternoon.

The assistant manager of the loan office, Hal Hendry, 25, of 29 Kensington parkway, Kensington, chased the bandit nearly 100 yards to a waiting taxicab. There, he and the bandit circled the cab several times while Mr. Hendry vainly attempted to fire his gun, and the bandit kept his revolver trained on Mr. Hendry.

Finally, the bandit ran across Georgia avenue to Jesup Blair Park and escaped.

The cashier, Mrs. Marjorie O. Wells, 24, of Manassas, Va., was alone when the bandit walked in shortly before 1 o'clock.

She said he pulled a revolver from his coat pocket and told her: "Give me the money."

As he started to walk out she